Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

May 22, 2013 to June 14, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Moffatt and Nichol, on behalf of Apex Oil, submitted a federal consistency certification (FCC) for maintenance dredging in the Elizabeth River at the Apex Oil facility in the City of Chesapeake. The project qualifies for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) individual permit. The proposed dredging will remove less than 3,200 cubic yards of sediment by removing shoals that are near the pier. The material may then be placed at Craney Island if it meets the Corps' requirements. The FCC states that no wetlands will be affected and there may be time-of-year restrictions for the dredging to protect fish spawning. According to the FCC, the project will be consistent with the enforceable policies of the VCP.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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